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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A <u>An isolated</u> protein or peptide, <u>wherein said protein or peptide</u> <u>comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11 and wherein said protein or peptide is</u> capable of restoring the MHC-II expression in <u>cells a cell</u> from <u>an MHC-II deficiency patients</u> <u>patient</u> in complementation group B <u>and comprising all or part of the amino acid sequence</u> <u>shown in figure 2</u>.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The protein or peptide according to claim 1 wherein the cells are cell is from a BLS 1 cell line, a Na cell line or Ba an Ab cell line.
- 3. (Previously Amended) The protein or peptide according to claim 1 wherein the MHC-II is HLA-DR, HLA-DP or HLA-DQ.
- 4.-61. (Cancelled)
- 62. (Currently Amended) A An isolated protein or peptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 80% 95% identity or similarity with the amino acid sequence shown in figure 2 of SEQ ID NO: 11, wherein said protein or peptide is capable of restoring MHC-II expression in a cell from an MHC-II deficiency patient in complementation group B and wherein said protein or peptide comprises an ankyrin-repeating region having an amino acid sequence comprising amino acid residues 122-222 of SEQ ID NO: 11.
- 63. 76. (Cancelled)